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Humanite for June 4 publishes PCF (RPT PCF) Politburo Declaration entitled "A new stage in combat for the republic". After noting that majority of deputies have given De Gaulle means to exercise personal dictatorship and that his government has only appearance of legality, declaration states that, with granting of full powers to De Gaulle, new stage has opened in "Great combat for the republic".

Declaration calls on all anti-fascists to consolidate their forces and to organize committees of republican defense. Politburo congratulates militants of PCF for exemplary conduct during past weeks and asks them to form new cells and to admit into PCF "innumerable workers" who are acting in accord with party's policies. Meeting of Central Committee of PCF is announced for June 9 and 10.

Politburo also blasts those who permitted De Gaulle to take power, mentioning notably "treason" of Guy Mollet and shameful retreat of Pflimlin Government before military reaction. Declaration notes menace imposed by De Gaulle on republican institutions and on rights of workers and states that present government represents most reactionary elements which will aggravate conditions of existence of all workers.

Politburo praised PCF for having alerted nation in time and having acted so that plans for quick installation of dictatorship by surprise were at least frustrated to some extent. Politburo comments that numerous socialists and radicals in assembly joined with communists in opposing investiture of De Gaulle.

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Comment: Politburo declaration represents continuation of relatively moderate line adopted by PCF since De Gaulle's investiture. Declaration indicates PCF is building for future and can be expected concentrate on efforts to create "unity of left", under leadership of communists, with participation of socialists who opposed De Gaulle and elements from center who also voted against him. For this purpose, best tactic for communists will be comparative moderation and avoidance, at least for present, of violent action. This policy is all the more indicated since, under present circumstances, PCF is probably dubious of its ability to pull out workers in forceful anti-De Gaulle actions.

Noteworthy, too, that politburo declaration mentions economic situation of workers. We shall undoubtedly hear more of this in future as PCF attempts whip up anti-De Gaulle sentiment among workers based on economic conditions.

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